

MONEY LOST BY POTATO RAISERS

Increased Acreage, Better Handling Considered Necessary

CHICAGO, Dec. 22.—(By The Associated Press.)—Decreased acreage, better marketing plans, increased facilities and new markets are considered by middle western potato raisers, who lost money raising potatoes this year, according to a summary of the situation in five potato states.

The five states, Michigan, Kansas, Minnesota, North Dakota and Minnesota, raised approximately 100,000 bushels of potatoes this year, but from most sections indicate a heavy loss.

The reason is variously ascribed to production, shortage and lack of storage facilities.

QUANTITY UNDUG

Twelve million bushels of potatoes remain undug in the Red River valley of Minnesota alone, according to J. Jackson, chairman of the Minnesota railroad and warehouse commission. He blames the car shortage.

Nebraska farmers this year increased their potato acreage from 12,000 to nearly 130,000, increased yield per acre by four bushels, increased their total crop from 8,158,310 bushels in 1921 to 11,658,310 bushels in 1922 and then found the market crop worth \$2,262,123 less than the smaller crop of the previous year.

Despite the increased 3,500,000 bushels, the crop this year was valued at but \$1,050,409.

PART GOING TO HOGS

Part of this year's big crop will be fed to Nebraska hogs, and some remain undug in the fields. The farm crop a year ago was 90 cents a bushel, now it is 25 cents.

North Dakota farmers raised 20,000 bushels this year, an increase of 100,000 since 1921. At Minot, a can factory is planned to turn part of the crop into its principal by-product.

THE OLD CHURCH OF CANADA BURNED

QUEBEC, Dec. 22.—Fire, thought to have started from a short circuit in electrical wiring, destroyed Notre Dame church here early today. It was considered one of the finest and most historic church buildings in Canada, and the interior had been renovated recently at a cost of \$30,000. The loss will be covered by insurance. Efforts made to save the sacred relics were unsuccessful.

The church, known as the French chapel, was located on the opposite side of the square from the former site of the Jesuit college and was first established in 1647.

The first mass was said on Christmas day in 1650, but it was not until 1745 that the church was consecrated. The first bishop of Quebec, Monseigneur de Laval, it underwent a restoration in 1745 and since that date it has been altered and renewed a number of times.

The rectory adjoining the church was destroyed. The seminary buildings were threatened and the students were ordered out.

The flames leaped the narrow passage separating the church building from the business section of old Quebec and caused slight damage to the offices of the Telegraph and Herald, the English newspapers.

POKER PORTRAITS

CUTHBERT, WON'T YOU PLEASE GET HOME EARLY TONIGHT? THE QUINNS WANT US TO GO OVER AND MEET SENATOR TOOTLE AND HIS WIFE.

SORRY BUT I CAN'T DO IT. I'M ALL IN. I WANT TO GO TO BED RIGHT AFTER DINNER. I'VE HAD A TERRIBLE WEEK.

CUTHBERT, I WISH YOU'D STAY DOWN TOWN TONIGHT. I HAVE SOME BUSINESS TO TALK OVER WITH YOU. IT MAY MEAN SOME MONEY FOR YOU.

I'M AWFULLY SORRY, MR. CUTHBERT, BUT I'M PHYSICALLY EXHAUSTED. I HAVE TO GO HOME AND GO TO BED.

SAY, CUTHBERT, I'VE GOT 2 SEATS FOR THE JAZZ BOOB BEST MUSICAL SHOW IN TOWN. WANTA GO 'LONG TONIGHT?

NO THANKS. I'M TIRED OUT. WANTA GO TO BED EARLY.

WE'RE GOING TO HAVE A BIG DINNER TONIGHT. A LOT OF BEAUTIFUL MOVIE QUEENS WILL BE THERE AND—

NOPE! SORRY. DOESN'T INTEREST ME TONIGHT.

SAY, CUTH, WE'RE GOIN' UP TO CHARLIE'S AN' HAVE A LIL GAME—10 CENT LIMIT. WILL YA—

WILL I? SA-A-Y!

SAY, MADGE, Lissen—TH' BOYS ARE GOING TO HAVE A LIL GAME TONIGHT AN' THEY NEED ME. I TRIED TO GET OUT OF IT BUT—NOW Lissen! I'LL BE HOME EARLY—WELL BY TWO O'CLOCK ANYWAY.

OLD MAN SLAIN BY MEXICAN AMBUSHERS

TAMPICO, Mexico, Dec. 22.—(By the Associated Press.)—Emile Arnsten, formerly of Shreveport, La., assistant pipeline superintendent of the Mexican Gulf Oil company, was shot and killed from ambush late Thursday on the road between Toteco and Zacamistla, state of Vera Cruz. It was learned today.

Arnsten, who was more generally known as Eddie Anderson, is a native of Norway, but lived in the United States for many years. Although he is not thought to be a citizen of the United States, the American consul was notified.

Christmas day. The president has been urged to extend clemency at this time to persons still imprisoned for violation of wartime laws, but it is understood that none of these prisoners will receive a Christmas pardon.

TWO WILL RECEIVE 'CHRISTMAS PARDONS'

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—"Christmas pardons," it is understood, will be given to only two federal prisoners by President Harding. The pardons are said to have been signed by the president and announced to the recipients is expected prior to Christmas day.

ONLY LEPER GETS LOADS OF PRESENTS

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 22.—The Christmas season has been made cheerful for Frank Haggerty, 62, Portland's only leper, who is confined in an isolation building under the supervision of the health department. A radio set, a phonograph, flowering plants, fruit, candy and articles of clothing have been showered upon him in response to an appeal.

ARGUMENTS IN RAIL CASE SET

Southern-Central Pacific Dates Are Fixed By Commission

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—Arguments before the interstate commerce commission on the application of the Southern Pacific railroad to retain control of the Central Pacific will be heard, it was announced today, on January 9 and 10. Hearings of evidence was concluded ten days ago.

The Central Pacific, which has been operated as a part of the Southern Pacific system for many years, was ordered separated by the supreme court. The Southern Pacific has sought to have the commission use its power under the transportation act for general railroad consolidation to keep the two lines together, notwithstanding the court decree, while the Union Pacific has asked the commission to support the supreme court's decision and request the separation to proceed.

CLAIMS DECREASE IN DRUG ADDICTS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—In recent years there has been a marked decrease in the number of drug addicts in the United States, according to Col. L. G. Nutt, chief of the narcotic division of the prohibition bureau, who just returned to Washington from a trip through the west in connection with plans for an active campaign against opiate vendors.

While "drug bootleggers" still constitute a national menace, he said, their illicit traffic is more nearly under control today than it ever has been.

Nutt denounced as without foundation reports which he said were current in Chicago to the effect that habitues of drugs had increased "about 1400 per cent" and that many convicts were to be found in society circles.

VALUABLES SAVED FROM ASTORIA FIRE

ASTORIA, Ore., Dec. 22.—Approximately 80 per cent of the 150 safes in the district of Astoria, wrecked in the fire of December 8, preserved their contents intact, according to J. Frank Purcell of Portland, who is heading the safe opening activities.

No attempt to open the vaults will be made until after January 1. When a time is set the work will be done simultaneously so that no bank may have an advantage over the other.

JOE LYNCH RISKS HIS TITLE TONIGHT

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—Joe Lynch and Midget Smith will battle for the world's bantamweight championship in a 15-round bout at Madison Square Garden tonight. Lynch, the present champion, is one of the few ring stars who ever regained a lost title. After losing the crown to Pete Herman in July, 1922, Lynch recovered it last summer by defeating Johnny Buff, Herman's conqueror.

This will be the third meeting of the two, Lynch gaining the decision in one engagement and the other ending in a draw.

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